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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING STEEL  
TO REDUCE SLAG ADHERENCE  
Examiner: Scott R. Kastler  
Docket No.: 33898US1

LETTER

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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 21]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii.  Paper

c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
(when there is an assignee)  Attorney

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure  Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
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Prior application information

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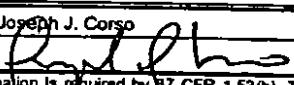
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